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Title: Need to take steps to make I.T.I. Unit at Rae Bareilly viable- Laid.

CAPT. SATISH SHARMA (RAEBARELI) : The Rae Bareily unit of I.T.I. Ltd. is engaged in manufacture and maintenance provider for telecom equipment. But over the years, this unit is being deliberately neglected by the I.T.I. Ltd. and that enough works have not been allotted in accordance with the strength and potential of the Unit. This is being done deliberately for closing this unit, for which the proposal has also been forwarded by the Board of Directors of I.T.I. of the Government of India.

This unit is employing 5500 workmen with excellent expertise in electronics, switching, CDOT and Cordect technologies and has been generating business worth crores of rupees. Even in the 34th Report of the Standing Committee on Information Technology submitted on 16.04.2002, there is no mention to close this unit or to reduce its work force, but only a VRS package of an amount of Rs.76.95 crore was considered.

If there is such a proposal to close this unit then I would say that this decision is thoroughly unrealistic lacking in the most elementary sense of justice, reality and fair play.

I request the Government that this unit employing thousands of workers having expertise in various technologies should not be closed down and more work should be generated for it survival.